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DRUIG, the current Prime Eternal, determined that Earth's mutants represent excess deviation--and therefore, he has set out to destroy them all. Druig unleashed the **HEX**, giant Eternals, to attack the mutant nation of **KRAKOA**, triggering war.

A faction of the **ETERNALS** opposed to Druig's plan worked together with the **AVENGERS** and the kidnapped mutant geneticist, **MR. SINISTER**. Together, they used the Avengers' headquarters, the deceased body of a Celestial, to create a new, living god--the **PROGENITOR**. However, once awakened, the Progenitor announced to everyone on Earth that within 24 hours they would all be judged. And if found lacking…all will die! The Progenitor began to carry out its judgments across the globe, against heroes, villains and civilians alike.

The Progenitor rendered its final judgment and has now set out to destroy the Earth. A small team of **AVENGERS**, **X-MEN** and **ETERNALS** have gone inside the Progenitor in an attempt to activate its self-destruct mechanism.

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CELESTIALS

THE PROGENITOR

AVENGERS

IRON MAN

ETERNALS

AJAK

SERSI

MAKKARI

IKARIS

X-MEN

JEAN GREY

WOLVERINE

MR. SINISTER

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JUDGMENT DAY

AXE

DEEP WITHIN THE PROGENITOR.
GET THE HELL OUT OF OUR WAY!
WE HAVEN'T GOT ALL DAY!

I THOUGHT SHE WASN'T THE PHOENIX ANYMORE.
SHE'S STILL JEAN, AND JEAN WAS ALL THE FIRE ANYONE EVER NEEDED.
SHE'LL CALM DOWN.
LET'S HOPE SHE DOESN'T.
OH, SAVE ME FROM PRIESTS AND BELIEF. DON'T GIVE ME BELIEF.
I BELIEVE WE'RE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.
GIVE US FACTS! GIVE US EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE! GIVE ME SOMETHING WE CAN USE!
I STILL HAVE THE GAG WE USED ON SINISTER SOMEWHERE.
HAH.
WHAT... WHAT DID SHE SIGN?
I REFUSE TO BE MOCKED BY ANYONE WHO ISN'T EVEN WEARING EPAULETS--

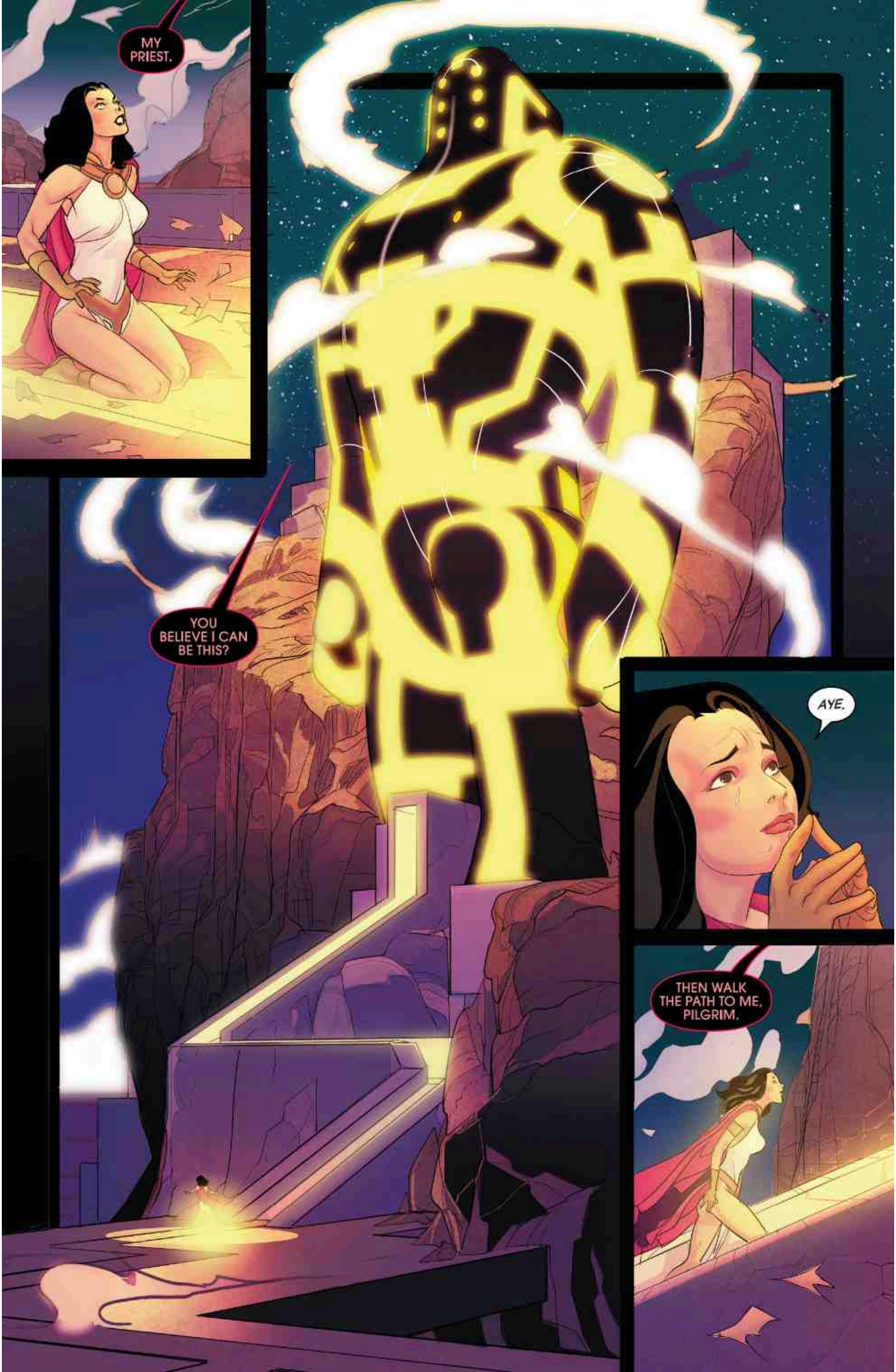
SAVE IT FOR THE GALA, SINISTER.
OKAY, MORE ANTIBODIES INCOMING.
WHERE TO NOW, AJAK?
I NEED TIME TO ASCERTAIN OUR COURSE.
OH DEAR. JEAN... IT SEEMS THESE CONSTRUCTS ARE RUBBING UP AGAINST THE FIRST PRINCIPLE.
WE ETERNALS CAN'T FIGHT THEM UNLESS YOU...
PRINCIPLE BYPASS: KICK THEIR ASSES.
SERS!... I GET THE PRIESTS. THEY BUILT THIS THING. I GET SINISTER--HE'S A WEIRDO EXPERT.
I GET WOLVERINE. SNEAKING, STABBING AND JEAN'S COMFORT ANIMAL. AND I GET JEAN. AS IF ANYONE COULD SAY NO.
BUT...

...WHY ARE YOU HERE?
BECAUSE WE WERE HAVING LUNCH, AND THEN YOU HAD YOUR FRIENDS BEAT ME UP AND KIDNAP ME, REMEMBER?*
*IN AXE: JUDGMENT DAY #1. --TOM
YOU'RE DEFLECTING.
YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.
I'M HERE TO REPRESENT THE ETERNALS.
AJAK AND MAKKARI ARE PRIESTS AND ARE NOT ENTIRELY TRUSTED.
BUT WHY SHOULD WE TRUST YOU?
YOU FAILED YOUR TEST.
WHY DID YOU FAIL, SERSI?

THEN.
YOU CAN'T TELL THE HUMANS, IKARIS.
YOU CAN'T.
HOW CAN I NOT? WHEN WE DIE, A HUMAN IS EXTINGUISHED TO BRING US BACK.
I AM MEANT TO GUARD THEM. I DIED TO PROTECT THEM SO MANY TIMES, AND EACH TIME I DID, I...
THEY HAVE TO KNOW!
THINK, IKARIS. IT'S NOT IN YOUR NATURE, BUT THINK. THE ETERNALS WOULD LIVE WITH THIS FOREVER.
EVEN IF WE COULD FIND A WAY TO REMOVE OUR IMMORTALITY, THE SIN WOULD STILL BE THERE.
WE WOULD NEVER BE HEROES AGAIN.
GOOD. WE ARE NOT HEROES.
YOU DON'T GET IT. YOU'RE MAKING THE CHOICE FOR ALL ETERNALS.
YOU CAN'T CHOOSE A PUNISHMENT FOR EVERYONE.
HEY! JACK OF KNIVES. LOOKING FOR WORK?
OF COURSE YOU ARE, YOU BUSY LITTLE BEE.
WELL, I HAVE A FRIEND WHO I NEED TO TRICK INTO THINKING HE HAS TO STAY QUIET ABOUT A CERTAIN INCONVENIENT TRUTH...

WHY DID YOU "PASS," TONY?
I'LL TELL YOU WHY: BECAUSE A MALFUNCTIONING ATTEMPT AT A GOD DECIDED YOU DID.
IT'S BASED ON YOUR NERVOUS SYSTEM. CLEARLY YOU'RE NARCISSISTIC ENOUGH TO PASS YOURSELF.
I THINK YOU'LL FIND MY NARCISSISM IS CUT WITH A HEALTHY SHARE OF SELF-LOATHING...
...AND YOU'RE DEFLECTING AGAIN.
I WAS. SPECIFICALLY, I WAS DEFLECTING THE FLOATING THINGS THAT WERE ABOUT TO KILL YOU.
CAN WE GET A MOVE ON? I'M GETTING TIRED, AND IF WE MANAGE TO SAVE THE WORLD, I'LL HAVE TO SEGUE STRAIGHT INTO ORGANIZING A "WE'VE SAVED THE WORLD" PARTY...

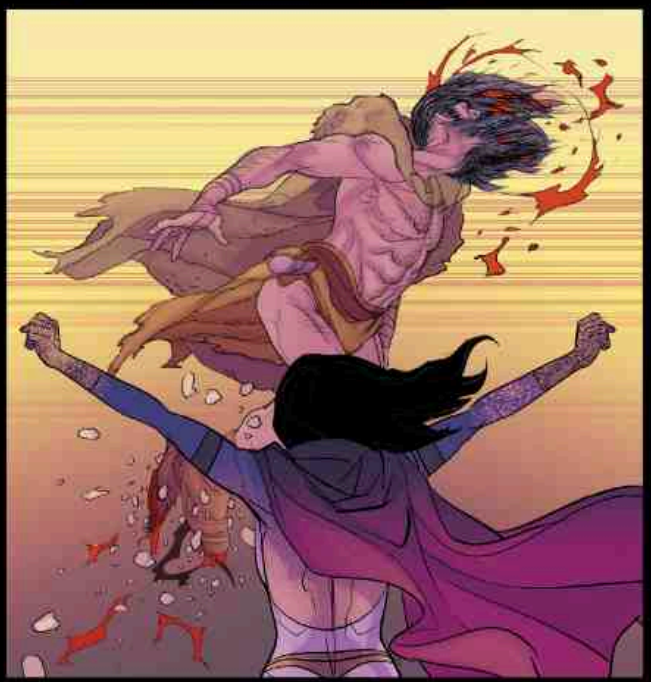
I'M SORRY, TONY. I'M BEING MEAN. I'M...FRUSTRATED AND SURPRISED IT JUDGES US ETERNALS AT ALL.
WE'RE CREATURES OF SCRIPTURE AND CODING. WE'RE COMPELLED. WHAT CHOICES DO WE HAVE, ULTIMATELY?
THE SCRIPTURE IS INTERPRETED. IT CAN JUDGE US ON OUR INTERPRETATIONS. AND IT DID.
I FAILED.
THAT'S A GOOD POINT. WHO STILL HAS AN OUTSTANDING TEST?
I DO. I'M SURE IT'S SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST.
IT STARTED MY JUDGMENT AND THEN STOPPED.
I AWAIT ITS FINAL VERDICT.
MORE COMING. WE NEED TO MOVE.
WELL, AJAK, MAYBE YOUR TEST IS TO JUST GET US TO THE CENTER OF THIS REALITY-WARPING MAZE FROM HELL?
WHICH WAY?
ARE YOU LISTENING?
WHICH--?


MY PRIEST.
YOU BELIEVE I CAN BE THIS?
AYE.
THEN WALK THE PATH TO ME, PILGRIM.

Hey, Ajak!
DO I KNOW YOU?
I HAVE NO MEMORY.
No, we've never met. I'm Cataka.
These are my kids. Say hi to the nice lady.
Hey, Ajak!
Remember a long time ago, when you were first created, you went and fought the prehistoric Avengers?
A million years ago or so?
YES.
...THEY KILLED ME.
And then I died so you could come back.
I was the first mortal life you took.
You can't pass unless you kill me.

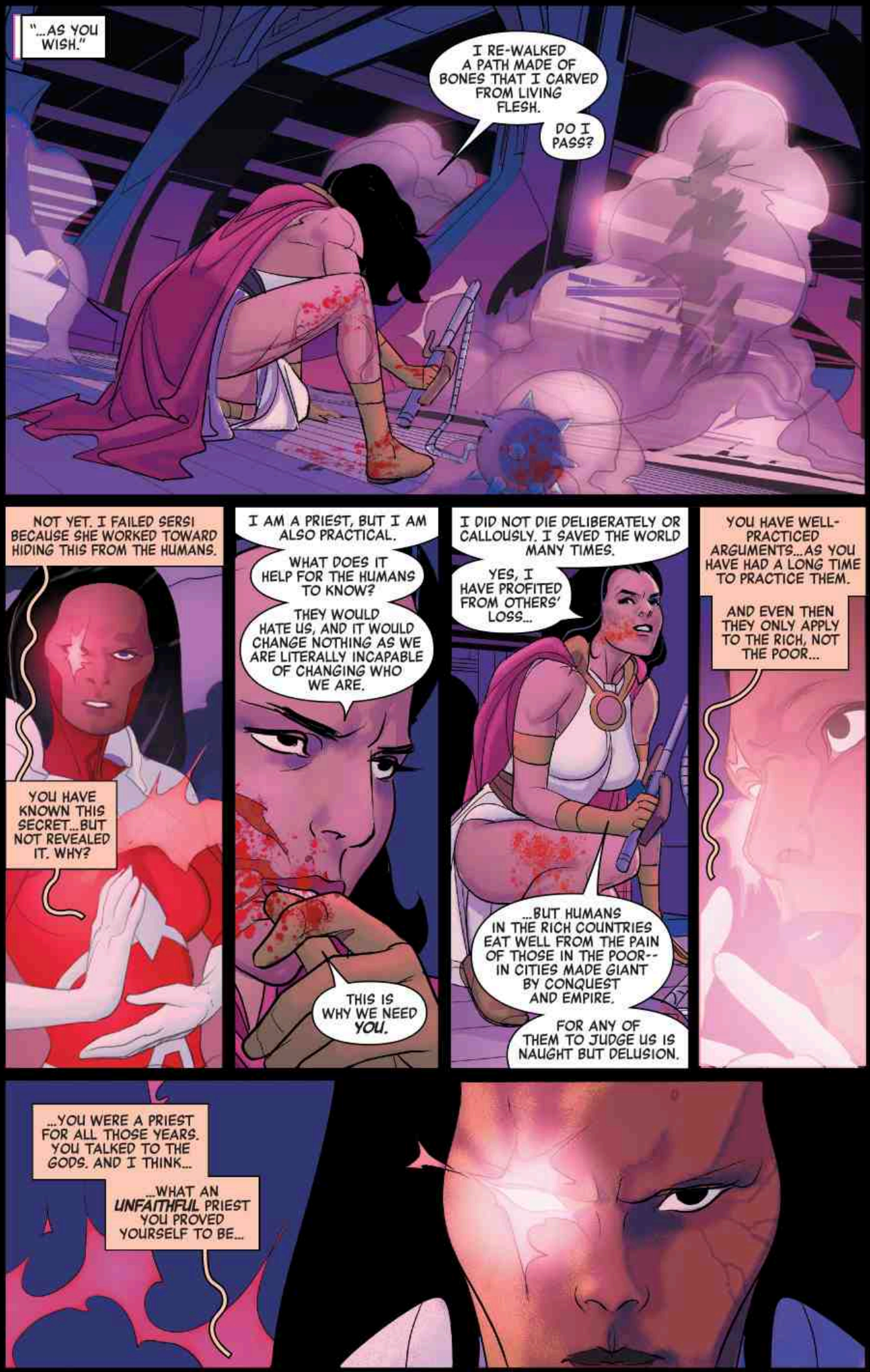
HEY, AJAK.

I'M VART. DO YOU KNOW WHY HUMANS WERE EXISTENT AROUND ONE MILLION BC?
INTERESTING STORY--APPARENTLY, MY GRANDMOTHER WAS PART OF A GROUP THAT FELL INTO A CHRONAL RIFT WHICH--



HOW MANY MUST I KILL?

ALL OF THEM, MY PRIEST.
A MILLION YEARS OF DEATH ON YOUR HANDS.
EVERY ONE A STEP TOWARD ME.
I NEED YOU TO REMEMBER ALL THE STEPS.
YOU ARE CRUEL, MY GOD.
BUT...


"...AS YOU WISH."
I RE-WALKED A PATH MADE OF BONES THAT I CARVED FROM LIVING FLESH.
DO I PASS?
NOT YET. I FAILED SERSI BECAUSE SHE WORKED TOWARD HIDING THIS FROM THE HUMANS.
YOU HAVE KNOWN THIS SECRET...BUT NOT REVEALED IT. WHY?
I AM A PRIEST, BUT I AM ALSO PRACTICAL.
WHAT DOES IT HELP FOR THE HUMANS TO KNOW?
THEY WOULD HATE US, AND IT WOULD CHANGE NOTHING AS WE ARE LITERALLY INCAPABLE OF CHANGING WHO WE ARE.
THIS IS WHY WE NEED YOU.
I DID NOT DIE DELIBERATELY OR CALLOUSLY. I SAVED THE WORLD MANY TIMES.
YES, I HAVE PROFITED FROM OTHERS' LOSS...
...BUT HUMANS IN THE RICH COUNTRIES EAT WELL FROM THE PAIN OF THOSE IN THE POOR-- IN CITIES MADE GIANT BY CONQUEST AND EMPIRE.
FOR ANY OF THEM TO JUDGE US IS NAUGHT BUT DELUSION.
YOU HAVE WELL-PRACTICED ARGUMENTS...AS YOU HAVE HAD A LONG TIME TO PRACTICE THEM.
AND EVEN THEN THEY ONLY APPLY TO THE RICH, NOT THE POOR...
...YOU WERE A PRIEST FOR ALL THOSE YEARS. YOU TALKED TO THE GODS. AND I THINK...
...WHAT AN UNFAITHFUL PRIEST YOU PROVED YOURSELF TO BE...

BEFORE YOU CREATED ME, YOU SUMMONED THE GHOST OF THE PROGENITOR.
YOU THRASHED THAT GOD ONCE GIVEN THE CHANCE.
NOW YOU EXPECT THE NEW INHABITANT OF THIS BODY TO BELIEVE YOU ARE TRUE?

WHO COULD TRUST A PRIEST WHO WOULD FIGHT A GOD?

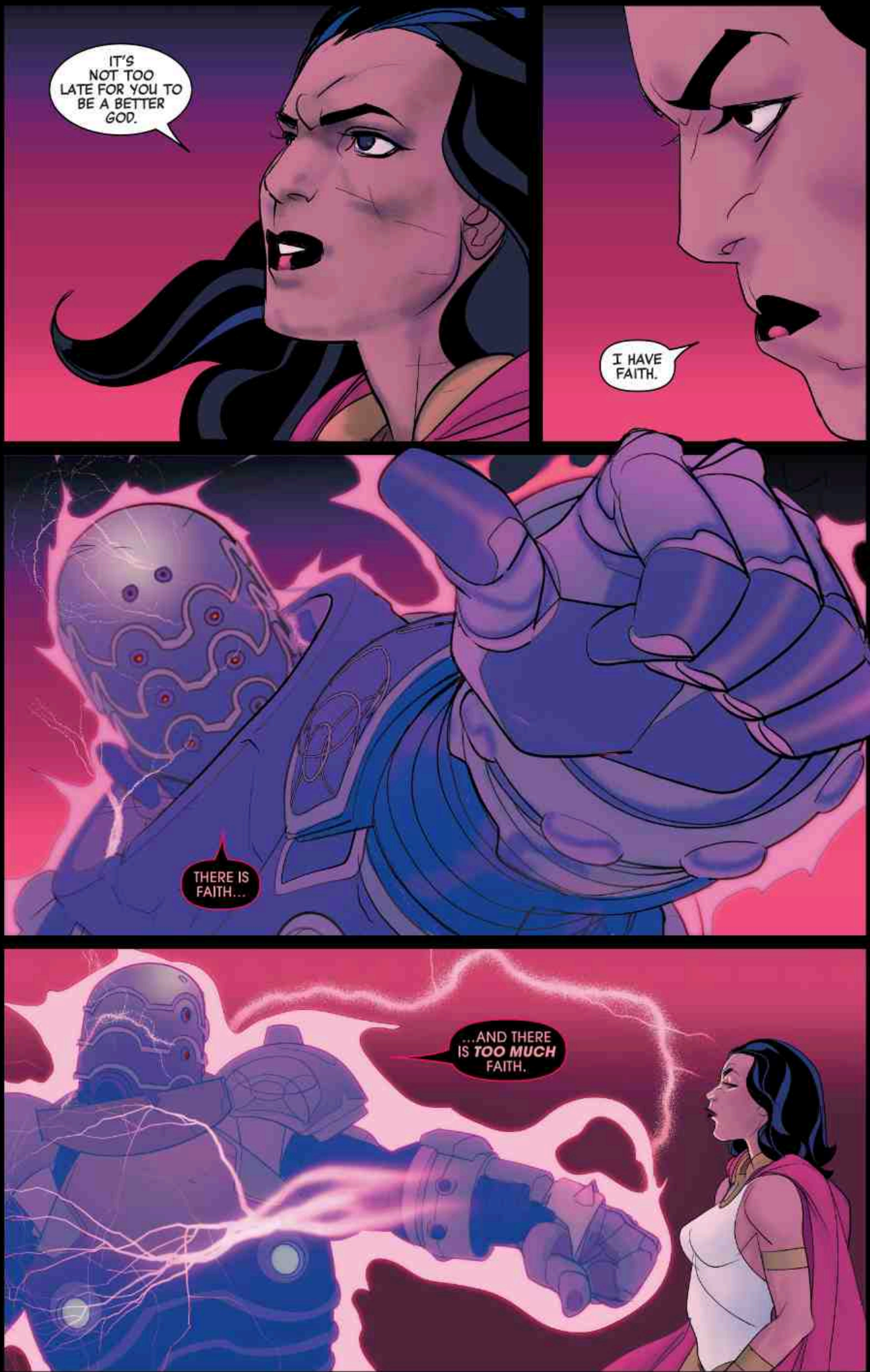
THAT IS THE ONLY PRIEST YOU *SHOULD* TRUST.

I SERVED MY GODS FAITHFULLY UNTIL THE TRUTH OF OUR NATURE WAS REVEALED.
THEY FAILED ME, NOT ME THEM.
PART OF ME WOULD LOVE TO HUNT THE HEAVENS FOR THEM...
...BUT THAT IS NOT WHY I'M DOING THIS. REVENGE IS BENEATH ME.
I BELIEVE IN A TRUE GOD, AND ALL MY THRASHING OF THE OLD WAS PART OF MAKING THE NEW.
ONLY WHEN YOU FREE US CAN WE EVEN DREAM OF PERFORMING PENANCE.
ALL COSTS ARE WORTHWHILE TO DELIVER OUR DAMNED PEOPLE AND MAKE A BETTER WORLD.
I WOULD MURDER A MILLION FALSE GODS FOR THE CHANCE OF ONE THAT IS TRUE.
I AM MANY THINGS, MY GOD.
BUT I AM NOT A HYPOCRITE.
YES...

...IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR EVERYONE IF YOU WERE.
A PRIEST OFFERING EMPTY PIETIES IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE HARM A FANATIC LIKE YOU CAN DO.

IT IS NOT *CELESTIALS* YOU HAD TO KILL TO MAKE ME.

THIS IS WHAT YOU HAVE DONE TO ALL THE CITIES OF EARTH TO BIRTH YOUR GOD.
COULD I EVER BE WORTH IT NOW?


IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR YOU TO BE A BETTER GOD.
I HAVE FAITH.
THERE IS FAITH...
...AND THERE IS *TOO MUCH* FAITH.

NOT YET.
THIS MAY ALL BE A TEST.
FOR ME AND PERHAPS FOR YOU TOO.
I DO NOT BELIEVE YOU WILL FAIL ME...
...AND I DO NOT BELIEVE I WILL FAIL YOU.

VERY WELL.
YOUR PSYCHIC FIREWALLS WERE COMPROMISED TO ALLOW JEAN GREY TO MITIGATE THE FIRST PRINCIPLE.
I HAVE REACTIVATED YOUR FIREWALL.
THERE WILL BE A FINAL CONFLICT... AND THERE YOU WILL HAVE FREEDOM.
WITH THE FIRST PRINCIPLE, THERE IS NO FREEDOM!
I CAN NO SOONER HARM YOU OR ALLOW YOU TO BE HARMED THAN I CAN REVERSE THE FLOW OF THE STARS IN THE SKY.
PERHAPS LESS SO. WITH ENOUGH TIME AND EQUIPMENT, I COULD INVERT THE SKY'S PATTERNS.
BUT THE FIRST PRINCIPLE IS THE FIRST PRINCIPLE.
IN THOSE FINAL MOMENTS, YOU WILL HAVE TRUE FREEDOM, MY PRIEST AND CREATOR.
WHATEVER THAT MEANS.

I SAID, AJAK!
WHICH WAY ARE WE MEANT TO GO?
I KNOW THE WAY.
THIS SHAFT.
IT SHOULD TAKE US THERE.
ARE YOU SURE?
NO, OF COURSE I'M NOT SURE...

...BUT I HAVE FAITH.
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The apocalyptic climax of the event of the year. It's not that nothing will be the same again--it's that unless heroes can find a new way to be heroes, everything will be nothing forever.

ZONE